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1. AMONG MEETINGS WITH "RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS" MENTIONED
IN YOUR REFTEL, GERBASI WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH UNDER SECRETARY
ROGERS TO DISCUSS THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, COMMODITIES AND US
VIEWS OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. IN ADDITION,
GERBASI SEEKS FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS AT STATE DEPARTMENT: SESSION
WITH OAS AMBASSADOR OR HIS DEPUTY ON US HOPES FOR FUTURE OF
OAS AS WELL AS US PERCEPTIONS OF CURRENT STRUCTURE AND EFFECTIVE-
NESS OF ORGANIZATION; SESSION WITH EXPERT OF US TRADE POLICY
TOWARDS SELA--DO WE VIEW IT AS THREAT, WHAT IS OUR VIEW OF
ENTIRE CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION;
SESSION WITH EXPERT ON US TRADE LAW AIMED AGAINST OPEC--THEORY
AND STRATEGY BEHIND LAW, WHY VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR WERE
ORIGINALLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST, PROSPECTS FOR AMENDMENT TO
LAW, US VIEWS OF FUTURE RELATIONS WITH OPEC.

2. AT FEA, GERBASI SEEKS INTERVIEWS WITH HIGHEST-LEVEL EXPERTS
ON FOLLOWING THEMES: PURPOSE AND WORKING STRUCTURE OF FEA;
HOW US IS SEEKING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES TO OIL--WHAT ARE
OFFICIAL PROSPECTS FOR FINDING ALTERNATIVES, AND WHAT IS ROLE
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE SEARCH; US PETROLEUM POLICY
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TOWARDS OPEC IN GENERAL AND VENEZUELA SPECIFICALLY--

WILL "ADVERSARY" RELATIONSHIP CONTINUE TO DOMINATE, HOW DO
WE PERCEIVE FUTURE OF OPEC.
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